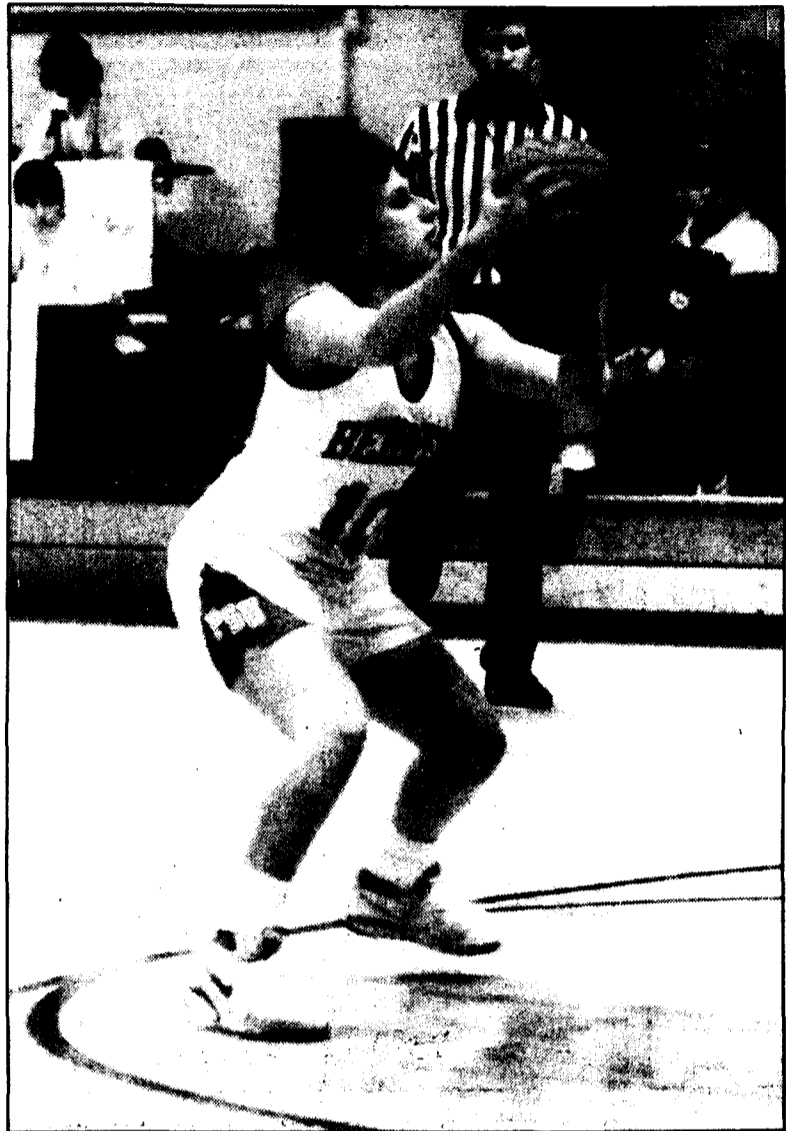


Lady Lions cruise by Titans, bow to Lakers



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Shoot the rock: Freshman guard Megan Musante pulls up for a jumper against Westminster College.

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Last Monday night, the Lady Lions cruised to their 19th victory of the season with an 80-43 bashing over Westminster.

This followed a disappointing loss to Division II Mercyhurst College last Wednesday night.

The Lions trounced on the Westminster Titans as soon as the ball went up. A Krista Hershner 12-footer, followed by a Kim Boyd jay, sent the squad to a 12-2 lead in the first five minutes.

The defensive pressure was too much for Westminster to handle. The Lions were all over the court and were simply too much for the Titans.

The Lions bolted to a 41-18 halftime advantage in the last 15 of the first half. Behrend's "D" smothered Westminster, giving up a measly 18 points.

Sophomore Michelle Grover, who had a career 14, carried the Lions in the first half with eight points. Forward Becky Swartz hit a pair of long distance bombs to increase the halftime spread.

The second half was much of the same, a couple times over.

After the intermission the Lions forced their opponents into twenty turnovers and they held the Titans to 37 percent from the field.

Defensively the stats were terrific. For the game, Behrend stole the ball 25 times and made them turn it over 38 times.

As usual, a balanced scoring ledger accounted for Behrend's offensive production.

Every player got into the scoring column. Grover netted 14 and grabbed four offensive rebounds. Boyd tossed in 12 to go along with four steals.

Swartz finished with twelve also, while Michele Beisler had nine, and Heather Shearer eight. On the boards the house cleaning was handled by freshmen Karen

backed up by a Krista Hershner lay-up.

In the first half the Lions shot an outstanding 64 percent from the field to go into half-time with a deadlock at 35-35.

Heather Shearer paced the Lions with ten at the half, Hershner and Boyd swished in eight and seven respectively.

The second half was a different story. The Lions hit only 6 of 36 shots for a horrific 16.6 percent, as comparable to Mercyhurst's 52 percent from the floor.

Behrend was led by Shearer's 14 points and nine boards. Hershner scored 16 and grabbed six rebounds.

Off the bench Becky Swartz chipped in 11, including three 3-pointers. Boyd netted seven points and eight rebounds.

"We were happy with most of the action in the first half," said assistant coach Brett Banker.

"The second half was a different story. We did not play our defense, we did not front in the low post, we did not concentrate on offense, and we did not play period," Banker continued.

The 19-3 women's team battles Thiel College on Thursday, Feb. 13th, in Erie Hall, in the front end of a double-header at 5:30.

Sp. Ed. Note: Due to an untimely braincramp while editing, Missy Thompson was mistakenly identified as Becky Swartz in last week's photo.

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Assistant Coach

Strait and Tracy Thompson. Each grabbed six.

The Mercyhurst game was a different story though.

After recently becoming ranked #19 in the nation, the Lady Lions bowed to Division II Mercyhurst College (13-8) by the score of 77-61.

The ladies pounced on the Lakers earlier getting off to a 7-0 start.

Kimberly Boyd got Behrend rolling with a jumper, which was

Lions burned by Demons

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The Lions have guards, forwards and centers. Maybe they should add an exorcist to their roster to take care of Demons, especially Dyke College Demons.

On Monday night, the Lions four-game win streak was snapped in Cleveland by the Dyke Demons, 85-75.

The Lions led 49-40 at the half, but they came out slow in the second half and were ravaged by the Demons.

"We struggled all night. In the second half our defense was poor and our shots wouldn't fall," said point guard Don Plyler.

Byron Thorne paced the Lions with 17 points while Rick Clark added 13. Plyler, Rob Hunt and Rich Buzulka also scored in double figures.

The Demons shot 58 percent from the field while Behrend shot 46 percent. The Lions out rebounded Dyke 34-30. Buzulka grabbed 12 boards to lead the Lions.

The loss to Dyke followed a double overtime win against Waynesburg College last Wednesday in front of an emotional home crowd.

Hunt scored with eight seconds left in the second overtime to

clutch a 71-68 win.

The Lions were up 56-53 near the end of regulation, but Waynesburg's Joe Johnson nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, the teams played tight. With 16 seconds left,

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Sophomore Guard

Waynesburg sunk two free throws to take a 64-61 lead.

Coach Fred Paulsen called timeout and set up a three-pointer for Plyler. The play worked. Plyler got the ball, but the shot

wouldn't fall.

Waynesburg got the rebound and just when things were beginning to look bad, Clark tipped the ball into Thorne's hands.

Thorne caught the ball and threw up a three. His shot swished through the net just as the buzzer went off.

Clark hit five three-pointers and finished with 25 points. Plyler scored 16 and Thorne and Respress added 10 apiece.

The Lions won despite shooting only 31 percent to the Yellow Jacket's 37 percent.

Behrend out rebounded Waynesburg 51-45 as Respress grabbed 14.

The Lions are now 12-10, with four games left to play. Plyler said that they will probably need to win them all to get a playoff spot.

"Our goal is to get to the playoffs. We need to win all of our remaining games to achieve it," commented Plyler.

The Lions will need to play good, strong defense.

"If we can stop them from doing what they want to do, we can do what we want to do," added Plyler.

The Lions have two remaining home games. They take on Thiel tonight and next Monday they have another game against Dyke.

Sport Shorts

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On the home front...

Check out the Lions and Lady Lions as they battle Thiel tonight in Erie Hall. The Lady Lions hit the court at 5:30 p.m. and the Lions take the court at 7:30 p.m.

The Men's Volleyball Club will host Slippery Rock University this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Erie Hall.

And now some national news...

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson was found guilty of all three counts in his rape trial. Tyson will be sentenced March 6th for the rape of a Miss Black America contestant and could face up to 60 years in prison for one count of felony rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct.

The United States won its first gold medal of the 1992 Winter Olympics last Monday. Speed skating champion Bonnie Blair won the gold in the 500 meter event and became the first two-time Olympic women's champion at 500 meter. Blair is also expected to win in the 1500 meter Wednesday and the 1000 meter Friday.

Last Saturday in Orlando, Magic Johnson finished his NBA career with a stellar performance in the All-Star game. Johnson was named the game's MVP and finished with a game high 25 points. The players and fans welcomed the presence of Magic in the game who says he has no plans after the Olympics.